

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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| |) | File No. EB-01-IH-0519 |
| In the Matter of |) | |
| |) | Acct. No. 200232080021 |
| VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. |) | |
| |) | FRN Numbers 0003708500, 0004673182, |
| |) | 0005733449, 0005779111, 0006190037 |

ORDER

Adopted: August 16, 2002

Released: August 20, 2002

By the Chief, Enforcement Bureau:

1. In this Order, we adopt a Consent Decree terminating an investigation into compliance by Verizon Communications, Inc. ("Verizon") with the Merger Conditions under *Application of GTE Corp., Transferor, and Bell Atlantic Corp., Transferee, for Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Sections 214 and 310 Authorizations and Application to Transfer Control of a Submarine Cable Landing License*, 15 FCC Rcd 14032 (2000) ("BA/GTE Merger Order").

2. The Enforcement Bureau and Verizon have negotiated the terms of a Consent Decree that would terminate the staff's investigation. A copy of the Consent Decree is attached hereto and is incorporated by reference.

3. We have reviewed the terms of the Consent Decree and we conclude that the public interest would be served by approving the Consent Decree and terminating the investigation.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j) and 503(b) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j) and 503(b), and the authority delegated by sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.311, that the attached Consent Decree is ADOPTED.

5. Verizon shall make its voluntary contribution to the United States Treasury by mailing a check or similar instrument, or by wire transfer, payable to the order of the Federal Communications Commission, Forfeiture Collection Section, Finance Branch, P.O. Box 73482, Chicago, Illinois 60673-7482.¹

¹ The payment should reference Acct. No. 200232080021 and FRN Numbers 0003708500, 0004673182, 0005733449, 0005779111, 0006190037.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission staff investigation into the matter described herein IS TERMINATED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

David H. Solomon
Chief, Enforcement Bureau